## **Computer Architecture Sheet1 Solution**

1. What is the difference between DRAM and SRAM in terms of application?

DRAM is used for Main Memory. SRAM is used for Cache Memory.

2. What is the difference between DRAM and SRAM in terms of characteristics such as speed, size, and cost?

|       | DRAM           | SRAM           |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Speed | slower         | faster         |
| Size  | smaller Larger |                |
| Cost  | Less expensive | more expensive |

- 3. What are the difference types of ROM?
- 4. What are the differences among EPROM, EEPROM, and flash memory?
  - 1. PROM (Programmable Read Only Memory)
    - Programmed for once using special equipment, and never erased.
  - 2. EPROM (Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory)
    - -Programmable and erased using ultra violet.
    - -Erased as a whole.
  - 3. EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory)
    - -Programmable and erased using electrical shots.
    - -Erased byte by byte.
    - -Can erase a part without another.
  - 4. Flash memory
    - -Programmable and erased using electrical shots.
    - -Erased block by block.
    - Erased so quick (in a flash).
- 5. A computer employs RAM chips of 256 x8 and ROM chips of 1024x8. The computer system needs 1K bytes of RAM, 2K bytes

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of ROM. Draw the complete diagram for such system. Show how the address is organized.

- -Capacity of one RAM chip = 256 bytes = 2^8 bytes.
- -Total RAM Capacity = 1K bytes = 2^10 bytes
- $\rightarrow$  No of RAM chips needed =  $2^10/2^8 = 2^2 = 4$  RAM chips.
- -Capacity of one ROM chip = 1024 bytes = 2^10 bytes.
- -Total RAM Capacity = 2K bytes = 2^11 bytes
- $\rightarrow$  No of ROM chips needed = 2^11/2^10=2^1=2 ROM chips.

| Component | Hexadecimal addresses | Address Bus         |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| RAM1      | 0000-00FF             | 0000 0000 ×××× ×××× |
| RAM2      | 0100-01FF             | 0000 0001 ×××× ×××× |
| RAM3      | 0200-02FF             | 0000 0010 ×××× ×××× |
| RAM4      | 0300-03FF             | 0000 0011 ×××× ×××× |
| ROM1      | 0800-0BFF             | 0000 10×× ×××× ×××× |
| ROM2      | OCOO-OFFF             | 0000 11×× ×××× ×××× |

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